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#### ISO ETHNIC DINNER ON THURSDAY, MARCH 22

We are excited to announce that the next ISO Ethnic Dinner will take place on Thursday, March 22 at 6:00 p.m. in the International Services Office. We will enjoy Bangladeshi food this month! Please sign up now at the International Services Office front desk or reply to this message if you would like to attend. Those who sign up in advance get to sample the food first!

#### MINNEAPOLIS TRIP

April 14-15, 2012

Now that spring break is over, it is time to plan your next fun trip off-campus. There is plenty of room remaining on our Minneapolis trip, so come in and sign up as soon as possible! If we do not have enough people signed up by March 26, we may be forced to cancel the trip, and we do not want to disappoint anyone who wants to go. We know that people have been looking forward to this trip, especially the Mall of America on Sunday the 15th!

We will get on the bus and leave Cedar Falls early in the morning on Saturday, April 14 and arrive back in Cedar Falls on Sunday night, April 15.

The cost of the trip is \$80 per person and includes transportation and accommodation. Participants are responsible for food expenses, sightseeing, recreational and other expenses.

We will be riding in a private motorcoach (bus) that has been chartered for our use. The bus will have comfortable upholstered seats, plenty of storage space, and an onboard lavatory. We will make a breakfast stop on our way to Minneapolis on Saturday morning at a location that will offer several options for you to purchase food and beverages. You are also permitted to bring your own food and drink onto the bus. We will stop during the return trip to permit people to purchase dinner.

We will be staying at the Hotel Minneapolis located in downtown Minneapolis at 214 Fourth Street South. ([www.thehotelminneapolis.com](http://www.thehotelminneapolis.com)) We will stay in modern hotel rooms that contain two queen size beds, so four people will stay in each room. If you are interested in sharing a room with only one other person (2 people per room), the trip fee will be \$115 per person, and a single room may be possible for a trip fee of \$167.

In Minneapolis we will have a flexible schedule that will permit individuals to enjoy the city independently and choose which attractions to visit and where to eat. Students who sign up must have sufficient English skills to read and communicate independently when shopping, dining, inquiring about museum entry fees, using the transit system, etc. On Saturday, April 14, we will make a group visit to the Minneapolis Institute of Arts (<http://www.artsmia.org/>). We will spend Sunday, April 15 at the Mall of America ([www.mallofamerica.com](http://www.mallofamerica.com)) Those of you who sign up for the trip will receive a more detailed itinerary.